

MAKES SUGGESTIONS TO TAX COMMISSION

Colonel James S. Browning Favors State Tax on Coal and Lumber.

NO STATE LEVY ON LANDS

Proposes Tax on All Vehicles for Up-keep of Roads, and Special Tax on Transportation Lines for Upkeep of Feeder Roads.

While the commission on Tax Revision practically completed last Friday the public hearing given corporations and individuals, the more important task of compiling the tax schedule to be submitted with the general report of its labors to the Governor on November 1 is just begun. Suggestions affecting every form of taxation which have been received by the commission during the session recently held there. Representatives of the railroads, street railways, telegraph and telephone companies, representatives of organized labor and other interests were given a hearing in turn during the past week in June.

The committee will remain in constructive session until ready to submit the report to the Governor. In the meantime the body invites application for a hearing from corporations, individuals and citizens generally.

Avaling himself of the general invitation, Colonel James S. Browning, owner of extensive properties in the Roanoke and Portsmouth districts, arrived here yesterday and met with the commission in a statement giving his ideas for a plan of taxation.

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BLUES' BATTALION MAY ATTEND CENTENNIAL

Governor Suggests Trip to Major E. W. Bowles—Other Militia May Join.

VIRGINIA COMMISSION NAMED

State to Take Active Part in Celebrating 100th Anniversary of National Anthem—Governor Stuart and Staff to Attend Exercises.

That Virginia will make a brave showing at the Star-Spangled Banner Centennial, which is to be held in Baltimore September 6 to 13, is indicated by the widespread public interest in the selection of delegates. Governor Stuart was notified of his appointment as a vice-president of the Centenary Commission to serve with President Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, and other distinguished personages.

The patriotic significance of the proposed celebration, the one hundredth anniversary of the national anthem appealed strongly to Governor Stuart. He was prompt to indicate his acceptance of the honor. He entered enthusiastically into the movement to make of this occasion a memorable patriotic demonstration.

The extensive enthusiasm is obviously reflected in the large number of the State have shown a like eager interest in the forthcoming celebration. Indications at this early day are for an attendance upon the ceremonies in Baltimore during centennial week that will equal, if not surpass, in size the throng from any State outside the Maryland boundaries.

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SUGGESTS SPECIAL TAX ON COAL AND LUMBER

Tomage tax on coal of the per ton on all coal mined in the state, whether sold in the state or outside. This to be in lieu of all taxes and to be paid direct to the Commonwealth at each quarter governing the payment of royalties.

The tax on lumber cut and sawed within the State to be a tonnage tax also, or a tax per thousand board feet to be determined by railroad bills of lading or by shipper's certificate, same to be direct tax on the same article.

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PETITIONS HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY 53,142 VOTERS

To-morrow is last day, as Certificate is to Be Sent to Governor Stuart on Tuesday.

The time limit for filing petitions at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth asking for a statewide vote on the prohibition question will expire tomorrow morning. Chief Clerk James H. Hayes Jr. closed the office yesterday afternoon the total number of signatures to petitions on file was 53,142.

The largest addition to the list received to date came yesterday from Staunton, the petition from that city carrying six names. It is understood that the anti-saloon forces are holding back the Richmond petition until the last hour in order to secure every name obtainable that the call for a prohibition election coming from the capital city of the State may be as impressive as possible.

Companions of the National Guard in other cities of the State, it is believed, will fall into the line for the Baltimore trip in the event that the bill takes the initiative applying for a vote in the opening column of the great military and civic parade, which will be a stellar feature of the centenary celebration.

STREET IMPROVEMENT STOPPED BY INJUNCTION

Two Ginter Park Citizens Object to Proposed Plan to Narrow Seminary Avenue.

The town of Ginter Park, its officers and employees were enjoined from further dealing with the Seminary Avenue project by enjoining the Seminary Avenue and making other proposed changes on that street in an injunction granted yesterday by Judge George S. Shackelford, of the Henrico County Circuit Court, on complaint of J. B. Paschal and Thomas Cressman, Inc., of the city, the restraining order is effective until July 28 unless enlarged or dissolved. The request was made for the injunction by Williams & Mullens, attorneys for complainants, while C. B. Garnett, attorney for the town of Ginter Park, will conduct the defense.

The complainants allege that the work of narrowing Seminary Avenue from a width of thirty-six feet to twenty-four feet, which had been started by the town, is damaging to certain properties which they own in the section traversed by the avenue, and that other changes and improvements proposed by the town would be entirely detrimental to their holdings.

The petitions for the injunction were required to furnish bond in the sum of \$1,000 before the restraining order was issued by the judge.

It was stated last night that many of the residents of Ginter Park are anxious that the work on Seminary Avenue proceed, and that the town's action in causing the injunction to be issued is a mistake.

The trial will be held on a charge of libel, and will be heard before the grand jury at the October term of court.

Investigation by County Officers W. B. Sylvester and J. R. Tiller since the negro's arrest develops that he is wanted for stealing a cow valued at \$55, during last March, from L. A. Hollings, a resident of Hanover County.

Hanover authorities have been notified and will bring him to the Hanover County authorities, whose probably glad that he lives in the county when the penal code is less severe and public sentiment is temperate with him.

The trial will be given a hearing before Justice of the Peace H. S. Wright on August 1, and will be heard before the grand jury at the October term of court.

Colonel James S. Browning is the only individual citizen who has appeared before the commission so far as known, offering a connected and carefully worked-out paper dealing with the subject in hand.

REPORTER STABBED

ASHLEY LAND CUT ON ARM—WILBUR WRIGHT

Wilbur Wright said an employee in a furniture store at Mayo and Franklin Streets appeared in Police Court yesterday afternoon, charged with breaking into the place, robbing it, and then breaking out again.

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